

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL GAS COMPANY,)	
A KENTUCKY CORPORATION, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO APPLY FOR)	CASE NO.
FRANCHISES FROM RUSSELL AND ADAIR COUNTY,)	95-063
KENTUCKY; CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY;)	
AND CITY OF JAMESTOWN, KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On February 15, 1995, Environmental Gas Company ("Environmental") filed with the Commission its application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on gas franchises in the counties of Russell and Adair, Kentucky and the cities of Russell Springs and Jamestown, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from this Commission based on its finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

The Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for gas service in the above-mentioned cities. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions

of the franchises offered by said cities, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Environmental hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity which authorizes it to bid on gas franchises in the above-mentioned cities.


2. Environmental, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission two copies of the franchise agreements.


3. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities in the said cities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of March, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director